



NEWS RELEASE

Lt. Col. John Whitford, Director of Communications, Connecticut National Guard
OFFICE: 860.524.4857 CELL: 860.883.5336 FAX: 860.524.4902
EMAIL: JOHN.WHITFORD@US.ARMY.MIL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 14, 2006

MEDIA ADVISORY

GROTON, Conn., - Twenty Soldiers from Detachment 3, 1109th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot (AVCRAD) of Groton, departed earlier today from via buses from the AVCRAD facility to their mobilization station at Ft. Dix, New Jersey for further training and validation.

When validated the unit will then head to Kuwait as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and are scheduled to be on active duty for up to 18 months.

More than 900 Soldiers and Airmen from the Connecticut's National Guard are currently mobilized and deployed. Five hundred Soldiers from the 102nd Infantry Battalion from New Haven are currently stationed in Afghanistan, 40 Soldiers from the G Company, 126th Aviation Regiment from Windsor Locks, are stationed in Iraq, 120 Soldiers from the 643rd Military Police Company from Westbrook, are stationed in Germany in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, 70 Soldiers from the 143rd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) from Waterbury, are currently at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, for further training and validation and 120 Soldiers from the 1048th Transportation Company of Stratford, are currently at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for training and validation.

-30-

CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD